PROPOSALS

Humbly OFFERED to the Conſideration of the LEGISLATURE,

For raiſing Men for His MAJESTY's Service, both by SEA and LAND.

THE Loſs of every Loyal Subject, who may be uſefully employ'd, is a Loſs to the Community: And at this Time it is a melancholy Proſpect, to take a Survey of the SEVERAL GAOLS in this Kingdom, and ſee what Numbers of unhappy People are there confined and ſtarving, who may be greatly uſeful either in the NAVY OR THE FIELD.

1° Ann. Stat. I. Cap. 25 In the firſt Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen ANNE, when this Nation was at War with France, the Legiſlature thought proper to recruit the Army and the Navy, by paſſing AN ACT to ſet at Liberty ſuch Inſolvent Debtors, as ſhould enter the Service of the One or the Other, or find a fit Perſon ſo to do.

But that Act extending only to diſcharge ſuch Debtors as were charged with Twenty Pounds; and there being no particular Direction how they ſhould liſt or enter themſelves into the Service, the ſame did not anſwer the Intent.

2° 3° An. Cap. 16. And to ſupply the Defects therein, ANOTHER ACT was made in the Second and Third Years of the ſaid Reign, whereby the ſaid Defects were ſupplied, and the Sum EXTENDED to One Hundred Pounds.

The PRESENT WAR is not only more general than it was in Queen ANNE's Reign, but a REBELLION is likewiſe carry'd on in one Part of the United Kingdom; and HIS MAJESTY's FORCES, both by Sea and Land, will of Neceſſity ſtand in Need of being RECRUITED from Time to Time, by all Methods that can poſſibly be thought of.

It is apprehended that the ſeveral GAOLS in this Kingdom are as full of Debtors, if not FULLER NOW, THAN THEY WERE IN QUEEN ANNE's REIGN; a great Part of whom are Perſons, who by Reaſon 16 Geo. II. of the Limitations of the late Act, could not take the Benefit thereof; who, on Condition of obtaining their Liberty, would readily give up their All to their Creditors, and enter into His Majeſty's Service, or find a fit and able Perſon ſo to do; which will be a Means of raiſing GREAT NUMBERS of Men for the Service.

It is THEREFORE humbly ſubmitted to the Wiſdom of the Legiſlature, whether (at this Juncture) AN ACT upon the Plan of the Act before cited, (or rather MORE extenſive) may not be a proper Expedient for raiſing Men for His Majeſty's Service; ſince Thouſands of able Men, may in all Probability be raiſed thereby, whoſe grateful Remembrance of SUCH CLEMENCY OF THE LEGISLATURE, will animate them with the greater Chearfulneſs to hazard their Lives in the Cauſe of LIBERTY.

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